

**DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
DISTRICT I**

October 2, 2000

7:00 p.m.

Atwater Community Center, 2755 E. 19th

Members Present

Carl Brewer
Patrice Dolenz
David Franks
Kenneth Hemmen
Lori Lawrence*
Debby Moore
Sharon Myers
Steve Roberts*
Marcia Traylor
Lois Tully-Gerber
Ken Woodard*

Guest List

Becky Howell, 14700 Sport of Kings, Prairie Travelers
Ward Jewell, 2266 N Belmont, Oz Bicycle Club
Jamsheed Mehta, 455 N Main, MAPD
Cecile Kellenberger, 7211 Bainbridge
Daniel Nguyen, 455 N Main, MAPD
Alan Morrison, 455 N. Main, MAPD
Lucas Rodriguez, 1413 Doris Circle
David Hindman, 2617 N Cameron
Jack Brown, Wichita-Sedgwick County Health Dept.

Members Absent

Council Member Rogers
Carrie Jones
Edith Knox*
Rev. Lincoln Montgomery*
Billy Wilson
Willard Walker*
Dee Wright

*Denotes District Advisory Board Alternates

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Carl Brewer, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Brewer asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Lucas Rodriguez, a member of the public, requested to speak during the Public agenda, regarding the proposed 13th Street Bridge.

DAB member **Sharon Myers** asked to make comments regarding the proposed traffic light at Woodlawn and Mainsgate, during the Public agenda.

The agenda was approved unanimously with the above mentioned changes.

Approval of Minutes

Brewer asked if there were any changes to the minutes from the September 18, 2000 DAB meeting. **David Franks** stated that the DAB comments that were listed under Public Agenda should be moved to the unfinished business section of the agenda. **Debby Moore (Franks)** moved that the minutes from the September 18, 2000, DAB Meeting be accepted with the noted corrections. The September meeting minutes were unanimously accepted.

Public Agenda

1. Rails to Trails

City project that converts unused railroad tracks to bicycle/walking trails.

Jamsheed Mehta, MAPD staff, presented background information on the *Rails to Trails Project*. **Mehta** stated this project is a federal program that began in 1983. There is currently a proposal to utilize abandon railroad track as a bike trail. In District I, the trail would run approximately from Woodlawn and 17th Street west to the 500 or 600 block of Mosley. In the future, MAPD would like to connect this to the I-135 bike trail that extends from McAdams Park to Grove Park.

Mehta then explained how the railroad property is acquired (rail banking). **Mehta** also mentioned that currently there is no funding to complete the project in its entirety. Therefore, MAPD will propose to do the project in phases. (See Attachment A)

Ward Jewell, a representative from the OZ Bicycle Club, stated the group's intention to advocate the Rails to Trails project. Jewell stated several reasons to support the project: 1) To increase property values; 2) To bring neighborhoods together; 3) To revitalize businesses and business districts; 4) To serve as a deterrent for vagrants; 5) To improve air quality and 6) To reduce traffic. (See Attachment B)

Becky Howell, a representative of Prairie Travelers, presented an Overview of Economic Impacts of Protecting Rivers, Trails and Greenways Corridors. Howell's presentation included four main points; 1) Increased real property values; 2) Increased Property Tax Revenues; 3) Expenditures by Residents and 4) Corporate Relocation and Retention. (See Attachment C).

Howell also stated that the Prairie Travelers Group plans to contact property owners and Neighborhood Associations that are in close proximity to the trails to gain additional support.

Howell mentioned that there were funds available through a T21 grant – transportation enhancement, and that the Prairie Travelers would assist the City in trying to obtain those funds.

Brewer asked if any DAB members had questions.

1. a. Proposed 13th Street Bridge

Lucas Rodriguez, a member of the Orchard Park Neighborhood Association, read a letter stating the associations opposition to the 13th Street Bridge proposal. (See Attachment D). DAB members received and filed information.

1.b. Woodlawn and Mainsgate Stoplight Installation Update

DAB member **Sharon Myers** gave a brief background on the stoplight project at Mainsgate and Woodlawn, since she had brought this issue to the DAB members earlier this year.

Myers stated that when she had originally spoken with **Steve Lackey**, in Public Works, **Lackey** had told **Myers** that the stoplight would be in stalled in the spring of 2000. At the August 7, 2000, District II meeting, Public Works announced that the stoplight installation had been delayed to late August or possibly September. **Myers** recently called Lackey and was told that the preliminary plan had just gone to the contractor and the bids would not come in until late October or early November. According to **Myers**, **Lackey** went on to say that installation of the stoplight would not be started until March of 2001. **Myers** stated that she was disappointed that this project had been postponed so many times. **Brewer** requested that the Neighborhood Assistant check into the status on this project and have information available at the next DAB meeting. **Roberts** also voiced his concern for the necessity of a stoplight at the Woodlawn and Mainsgate intersection.

Planning Cases

No items were submitted

Unfinished Business

2. **Update on proposed access road at 21st Street and Bainbridge**

Council Member Rogers was unable to attend this meeting. The Neighborhood Assistant will have this information available at the next DAB meeting.

3. **Storm Water Drainage at Whispering Brook Community.**

Neighborhood Assistant provided information from Public Works Department. (See attachment E).

Tulley-Gerber stated that the report did not give the information they were looking for in regards to the amount of pollution that would be generated by the concrete versus the amount of pollution there is now on the open ground. **Traylor** commented that DAB members should consider pushing City to implement a permanent *Best Management Practices* policy.

DAB members commented that they would like to see a copy of the *Best Management Practices*. **Brewer (Moore)** moved to receive information and have the Neighborhood Assistant distribute a copy of the *Best Management Practices* policies to the DAB members.

New Business

4. **Commercial and Recreational Vehicle parking**

Brewer asked if all DAB members had received the information regarding this issue and if members were able to review the information. All DAB members responded that they had received and review this information. **Brewer** then asked for comments from the DAB members. **Woodard** stated that there is currently a city ordinance in place with a two-hour parking limit. A DAB member discussion ensued. Comments may included: 1) Current ordinance is unnecessarily restrictive; 2) Vehicles with out-of-state tags should not be included; 3) Parking of RV and Commercial vehicles is currently causing problems – i.e.: obstruct view, and eye-sore; 4) Changing ordinance to a shorter time period would impact handicapped persons negatively.

Brewer requested that DAB members email their suggestions to the Neighborhood Assistant, who would be able to forward recommendations to **Council Member Rogers**. **Brewer (Franks)** moved to receive and file.

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5. Gilbert-Mosley Project (GILMO) and North Industrial Corridor (NIC) Project

These are two similar ground water contamination clean-up projects in the community; the *North Industrial Corridor* (NIC) - from 37th North to 2nd Street between Hydraulic and Main; *Gilbert-Mosley* - from 2nd Street to 31st Street South between the river and Hydraulic. Jack Brown, was on hand to provide information on both projects. See Attachment F for details.

General Comments/Announcements

No items were submitted.

Being no further business, **Brewer (Moore)**, moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted By,

Heidi Framer-Drew
Neighborhood Assistant,
Council District I